

Major Luke Miller House  
105 Ridgedale Avenue  
Madison, Morris County, New Jersey

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Historic American Buildings Survey  
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133 Central Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey

Major Luke Miller House  
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Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Jones

Date of Erection: 1730 (on chimney of west elevation)

Architect:

Builder: Andrew Miller

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: One and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame  
construction, shingles

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch with dormers  
recently added, wood  
shingles

Old Forge Building: Stone  
foundation except northwest  
elevation; pitch roof with  
shingles; connected with  
the house by a secret tunnel

Historical Data:

This house was erected prior to 1755 by  
Andrew Miller on a portion of the tract purchased

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from David Burnet who was the original purchaser from the Indians.

During the Revolution Josiah Miller, son of Andrew Miller, occupied the house. At this time Major Luke Miller, from whom the house gets its name, was seventeen years old. The Major lived there until his death at ninety-one. The house remained in the possession of the Miller family until about 1880, when it passed into the hands of Mr. Lewis Sayre.

The interesting feature of the property is an Indian raid tunnel extending from a small sub-cellar in the house to the old forge located about sixty feet to the north.

When the Revolutionary Army was encamped at Loantaka Valley, the Miller House was the scene of much hospitality. Both officers and men received welcome there and many distinguished men frequented the house. There was a Washington's chair in the house which undoubtedly was genuine, for he was there many times.

The house is on a side of a hill and has an entrance to the old basement kitchen on the south side. The ground floor at present contains the dining room and kitchen. The entrance to the living room is on the north side. The interior of the house itself is plain and simple.

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